Assault on working Doctors by the Striking Doctors in Delhi

63. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the striking doctors of Government hospitals in Delhi humiliated, abused and assaulted the working doctors;

(b) if so, the number of such complaints received during the last few days; and

(c) the action contemplated by Government against those striking doctors who assaulted the working doctors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) Some instances of harassment of the newly recruited ad-hoc doctors in the hospitals in Delhi by the striking Junior Doctors were brought to the notice of Government. ' The Government issued instruction to the Medical Superintendents of these hospitals asking them to look into the matter and also to take the assistance of law enforcing authorities wherever necessary.

Estimated number of persons below the poverty Line

64. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is **a** fact that the Concurrent Evaluation of Pro grammes and the other Evaluation Studies do not estimate the number of persons below the poverty line ;and

(b) if so, what is the process, programme and methodology for estimating the number of persons below the poverty line and when was it carried out on the last two occasions, what were the national estimates as a result thereof, i.e. percentage of persons below the poverty line and what were held to be the criteria for identifying a person in that category?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) For estimating the number of persons below poverty line, estimates of the "poverty line" and information on distribution of papulation according to different categories of consumption expenditure is needed. The poverty line based on the recommendations of the Task Force on Minimum Needs and Effective Consumption Demand (1979) and suitably adjusted for price increases were :

Per Capita Consumption Ezpenditure.
(in Rs.)

	Rural	Urban
1977-78	60.60	69.90
1983-84	101.80	117.50

The information on distribution of private household consumption expenditure is obtained through National Sample Survey data.

On the basis of the results of 32ndRound and 38th Round National Sample Survey, poverty estimates were made for the years 1977-78 and 1983-84, and the results of the same are presented below :

Percentage of persons below poverty line.

Year	Rural	Urban	Combined
1977-78	51.2	38.2	48.3
1983-84	40.4	28.1	37.4